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New Catholic school coming to Windermere

Announcement today.
Students in growing neighbourhood have been victims of crowded schools, long commutes

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The provincial government will announce funding Monday for construction of a new kindergarten to Grade 9 Catholic school in the Windermere neighbourhood, sources have told Metro.

Alberta premier Alison Redford is set to announce the new school at a press event at 9:30 a.m. Monday. The school will have space for about 750 students.

Angela Meier, with the Greater Windermere Community League, said with no schools currently in the neighbourhood, this is fantastic news.

"It's going to be incredibly important for the community. It's going to make such a difference to all the kids that are living in that area."

traffic, for as much as 40 minutes to get to a school.

"The big problem that we have is that they have to drive down Terwillegar Drive along with all the other people who are driving downtown," she said.

She said children from Windermere can't go to schools in nearby Terwillegar, because those schools are also full.

No construction timetable for the new school was available on Sunday, but Meier said she hopes it will open soon.

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board's last capital priority list they had a total of \$132 million worth of projects they hoped to see funded from the province in this year.

Edmonton Catholic Schools declined to comment in advance of Monday's announcement.

Edmonton Public School Board Chair Sarah Hoffman said she was glad to hear Edmonton Catholic would be getting another school in the area, but she hopes her board will also see a new facility.

"I am hoping it will be built in time for my son, who is two and a half, to be able to go there when he needs to go to kindergarten," she said.

Coun. Bryan Anderson, who represents the area, said the school is great news.

"Any school south of the Anthony Henday is very welcome," he said.

Meier said students are currently travelling, in heavy

leagues at our Edmonton Catholic (School District) need a number of new schools, but I am also aware that our growth was significant over the last three years," she said

Metro's sources have also indicated another school will be announced in Calgary's Aspen Woods neighbourhood.



OILERS FALL SHORT

Edmonton Oilers winger Ryan Smyth falls as he passes the puck under pressure from the Anaheim Ducks' Matt Beleskey and Mathieu Perreault during second-period action. The Oilers came close, but ultimately fell to the Ducks 3-2. Story, page 24. MARK J. TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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School boards. In defence of pricey Supt. contracts

Challenges with finding qualified candidates to lead Alberta school boards and the onerous demands of the superintendent job itself are among the factors dictating wages that outpace those paid to similar professionals in other provinces, says the head of a professional group.

Barry Litun, executive director of The College of Alberta School Superintendents, also said the roles of top school officials differ elsewhere and total compensation reported by organizations can include perks outside the paycheque.

Metro reported last week that superintendents with three of Alberta's four major metro boards were netting more in annual pay and benefits than their peers with the three largest school boards in the country, all of which are in Ontario.

But Litun, whose organization represents 74 superintendents from the public, Catholic, Francophone and charter-school systems, said there has to be draw for people to take on the daunting tasks of a superintendent.

"There are circumstances, quite frankly, where school-based admin positions — principals, vice-principals — or district-based positions, where there are very few people that are expressing interest," he said.

The province is reviewing the regulations of its new Education Act, expected to come into effect in 2015, and part of that will include a review of professions and occupations within the provincial school system. **JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO**



Edmonton police were called to JT's Bar and Grill Sunday morning after a 32-year-old man was found dead. LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

Police respond to death in Mill Woods

Sunday morning. Bar owner believes those involved in altercation are not locals

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A 32-year-old man is dead following an altercation at a Mill Woods bar early Sunday morning.

According to an EPS spokesperson, Edmonton police were called to JT's Bar and Grill at the intersection of Knottwood Road and Mill Woods Road South, shortly

after 2 a.m.

"Currently police are investigating and they are interviewing some suspects at this time," said EPS spokesperson Noreen Remtulla. "Police have talked to several witnesses and they are talking to a few suspects."

An autopsy is scheduled for Monday.

JT's Bar and Grill manager Jim Urkosky said the incident was unusual for the area. "This is a great neighbourhood," he noted.

While Urkosky was not able to identify anyone involved in the altercation, he said his security staff were first on the scene and called

EMS.

"They weren't from around here as far as we have been led to believe and as far as we know," he added. "From them being non-regulars, I would assume that is correct."

Urkosky said he wasn't working at the time of the altercation.

"They are doing as well as can be expected," he said about the staff members who were on scene during the homicide. "A loss of life is pretty serious."

Urkosky added that he is looking into getting security cameras for the front entrance of the building.

Anyone with any informa-

Homicide count

- If ruled a homicide by the medical examiner, this latest death would be the city's 25th homicide and the first for December
- In November, EPS laid charges in five different homicides
- So far in 2013, police have laid charges in 17 homicides

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Stabbing death

Man charged in connection to 2008 murder

Police have arrested a 21-year-old man in relation to a 2008 homicide case in which a man was stabbed to death by youth after being asked for cigarettes.

The individual was charged with second-degree murder Thursday.

"This was simply a random act of violence and was completely unnecessary," said Staff Sgt. Dave Christoffel in a release. "In most homicides, victims know their assailants, as in 13 of 17 solved homicide files in 2013."

The name of the 21-year-old male cannot be disclosed under the Criminal Youth Justice Act as he was 16 years old at the time of the murder.

STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

George Canyon

Country star says he's 'devastated' by friend's death

Canadian country music star George Canyon says he's devastated to learn that his friend and fellow pilot crashed into a house and died shortly after flying him to a show in northeastern Alberta.

Canyon's publicist, Anya

Wilson, says the singer was dropped off with his tour manager in Lloydminster on Saturday for a performance of The Huron Carol in the city that evening.

The pilot then took off for High River, south of Calgary, but the Cessna 210 slammed into the ground shortly after takeoff and slid into a house.

A person who was in the house wasn't hurt, but the pilot was killed.

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Stacey Kelly and her son Houston stand in front of 10 packages that they delivered Sunday for 630 CHED Santas Anonymous. LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

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Christmas comes early for more than 19,000 kids

Santas Anonymous.

An official from the Edmonton charity that's giving out gifts says around 2,000 to 3,000 more packages will be put together

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More than 19,000 local children received packages filled with presents put together by 630 CHED Santas Anonymous over the weekend.

"So far, so good," said Lana Nordlund, Santas Anonymous' executive director on Dec. 15, the second day of delivery. "The lineup of drivers isn't as big as we would like it. We didn't have as many drivers out Saturday as normal."

Each year, the organization hopes to have between 1,200 and 1,500 drivers to

deliver presents.

"It is a busy and happening place at Santa's depot," Nordlund added.

While Santas Anonymous works to have gifts delivered before Christmas, Nordlund said there are roughly 2,000 to 3,000 packages that will be put together for children that were missed this past weekend.

Saturday was the first time Edmonton resident Stacey Kelly delivered gifts for Santas Anonymous. The new mom said she was motivated to lend a hand with the local charity in the hopes of creating an annual tradition for her family.

"For many years I said I wanted to do it," Kelly explained as she bounced her nine-month-old son Houston on her hip. "I wanted a family tradition."

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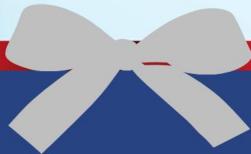
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Congestion beginning to cost city money: EEDC head

LRT project. Brad Ferguson said LRT project has to be seen as an economic issue



The head of the city's economic development agency says congestion is beginning to become a major hamper to the city's economy.

Brad Ferguson, president of the Edmonton Economic Development Corporation, congratulated city councillors for re-affirming that LRT is the city's top priority.

He said the province needs to make it one as well, because congested roadways are start-

Proposed line

- The city's proposed Southeast LRT line would run from Mill Woods Town Centre to downtown at a cost of \$1.8 billion.
- The project has been delayed at least a year, because the city needs \$515 million more to finish it.

ing to hamper business.

"Speed has been one of the quiet blessings in living in a less densely populated city and we are now getting to the point where it is starting to cause a lot of problems," he said.

Ferguson said with growth in the region putting 20,000 new cars on the road every



The proposed Southeast LRT line would run from Mill Woods to Churchill Square, but the city does not currently have the funds to construct it.

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year, congestion times will only grow if the city's LRT network doesn't grow soon and it is already starting to have an impact.

"We have got a lot of busi-

nesses that want to be located downtown and they are looking for office space, but they are worried about the commute time for their employees," he said.

Coun. Amarjeet Sohi said Ferguson is right about the issue being an economic one. He said cities like Toronto and Vancouver lose billions in economic activity every year

because of congestion and Edmonton is headed down that road. "If we don't build the LRT network soon we will be in the same league as those communities," he said.

Edmonton roads back to normal after winter storm



An ice sculpture in Sir Winston Churchill Square was a little thicker following freezing rains from Dec. 14. The storm left city streets dangerously slick.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Edmonton police reported a total of 72 collisions between 4 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. Dec. 14 after freezing rain left roadways covered in a dangerous layer of ice.

With eight of those collisions resulting in injury, Edmonton snow-removal crews worked quickly to respond to the sheer ice.

"We had an entire eight-hour shift dedicated to sanding arterial roads once the freezing rain began," said Bob Dunford, director of Roadway Maintenance.

City crews were pulled off their regular plowing routes

Dec. 14 shortly after 7 p.m. to sand the roads due to the rain. The storm left streets so slick even Edmonton Transit had to delay its service for safety reasons.

"The ETS control centre authorized operators to pull to the side in a safe place, if they felt it was unsafe to keep going on their routes," said Pat Dickson, a spokesperson for ETS.

Dickson noted that while some buses were forced to stop, certain routes continued to run as normal.

"As soon as the road conditions became safe again, they went back onto their routes,"

said Dickson, adding that she does not remember an incident like this happening before.

As the city heads back to its normal plowing schedule, the parking ban is still in effect as of Sunday afternoon. Dunford said the city would be reassessing the situation Monday morning.

Residents who live along collector roads can visit edmonton.ca/snowparking for more information on the seasonal parking ban. Vehicles parked on roads where the ban is in place could be ticketed or towed.

LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

Icy storm

- According to Environment Canada, Edmonton received 1.5 millimetres of precipitation on Dec. 14.
- The latest seasonal parking ban started on Saturday morning at 7 a.m.
- RCMP detachments across the province reported poor driving conditions and encouraged to stay at home unless travel was absolutely necessary.

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A Zulu warrior plays a bugle as people gather during the funeral service of Nelson Mandela in Qunu, South Africa, Sunday. Insets: Around resident John Kunene; Stedman Graham, Oprah Winfrey and Sir Richard Branson; Prince Charles speaking with Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma.

Nelson Mandela laid to rest

Solemnity and joy.

Several thousand gather to take part in ceremonies for beloved former president and anti-apartheid hero

Nelson Mandela was buried in his home village on Sunday after a funeral that mixed ancient tribal rituals with a display of the might of the new, integrated South Africa.

Military officers rolled Mandela's flag-draped coffin to the family burial plot in the village of Qunu as formations of planes and military helicopters flew over the hills where thousands of mourners had gathered.

Unlike the public memorial on Tuesday at a stadium that was rife with problems, the funeral and burial went smoothly. The ceremonies mixed solemnity with joy at Mandela's accomplishments, lasted all morning and into the afternoon and were fit for African royalty.



Mandela's widow, Graca Machel, wipes her eyes during the service.
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on Dec. 5 at the age of 95 after a long illness.

His portrait looked over the assembly in the tent from behind a bank of 95 candles representing each year of his remarkable life. His casket, transported to the tent on a gun carriage, rested on a carpet of cow skins below a lectern where speakers delivered eulogies.

Ahmed Kathrada, an anti-apartheid activist who was jailed on Robben Island with Mandela, remembered his old friend's "abundant reserves" of love, patience and tolerance. He said it was painful when he saw Mandela for the last time, months ago in his hospital bed. Some listeners wiped away tears as Kathrada spoke.

Several thousand gathered in a huge white tent at the Mandela family compound for the state funeral that preceded a private service at the grave site. Songs, speeches and the boom of artillery rang across the fields.

Mandela, who spent 27 years in jail as a prisoner of the racist white government and emerged to lead a transition to a multiracial democracy, died

"He tightly held my hand, it was profoundly heartbreaking," Kathrada said, his voice quivering with emotion. "How I wish I never had to confront what I saw. I first met him 67 years ago and I recall the tall, healthy strong man, the boxer, the prisoner who easily wielded the pick and shovel when we couldn't do so."

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South Africa, people stopped to watch the funeral. From top left, people in Nelson Mandela Square; Vilakazi restaurant staff; ANTOINE DE RAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; INSETS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Nelson Mandela's casket is taken out of the makeshift dome where his funeral service was held in Qunu, South Africa, Sunday. ODD ANDERSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'A great tree has fallen'

In contrast to the military pomp, some speakers evoked the traditions of the Xhosa tribe, to which Mandela's Thembu clan belongs.

• "A great tree has fallen, he is now going home to rest with his forefathers," said Chief Ngangomhlaba Matanzima, a representa-

tive of Mandela's family.

- Another speaker, Zolani Mkiva, served for many years as Mandela's praise singer, a traditional role. "The bones of our ancestors are vibrating. The waves of African oceans are reverberating," he said.

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East Coasters in the slush: Snow followed by rain makes a mess

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Nova Scotia sees pre-Christmas snow for first time in 3 years



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Metro in Halifax

The combination of snow and rain on Sunday had many people in the East Coast shovelling their driveways so they wouldn't be stuck Monday morning.

Karen Ramsland of Halifax cleared her driveway around 1 p.m. so the snow wouldn't be too heavy to lift once the rain started.

"I'm loving it. I'm actually one of those people that likes the snow," Ramsland said.

Environment Canada meteorologist Jean-Marc Couturier said the Halifax region got about 15 centimetres of snow

Stormy weather

The same storm system dumped 15 to 25 centimetres of snow in parts of southern Ontario on Saturday.

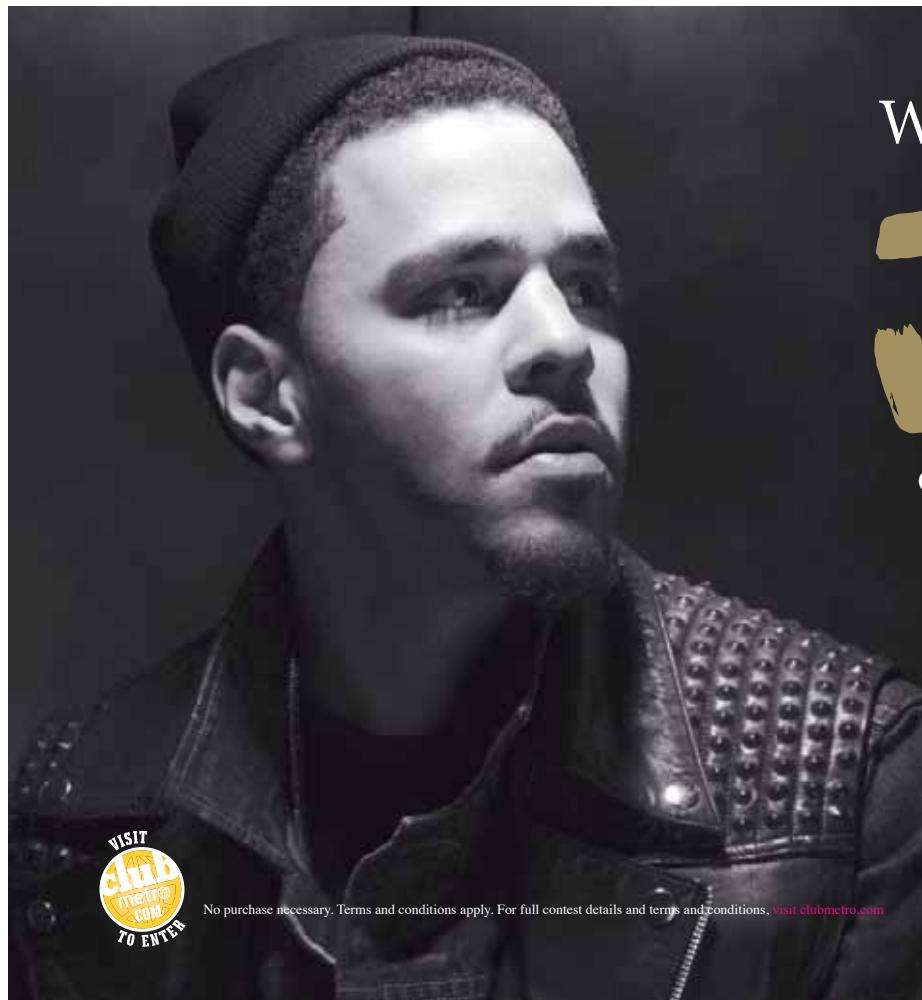
- Dozens of flights through Toronto Pearson International Airport were delayed or cancelled over the weekend.
- The storm then made its way to southern Quebec late Saturday and into Sunday, dumping up to 30 centimetres of snow in some areas.

by mid-afternoon, then ice pellets and rain began turning the snow into slush by 3 p.m. onwards.

Halifax Regional Police responded to 10 reports of accidents in the urban area, but no injuries were reported.



Near-blizzard conditions didn't stop Julie Wiseman, left, Anna Marie Kaiser and Tabitha Bainbridge from getting in a 10-kilometre run along the St. Margaret's Bay trail Sunday morning in Halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX



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Ticketing scheme could save police cash



Proposal. Officers could ticket people for offences such as trespassing, nudity

Police would have the option of ticketing people for a range of minor offences — instead of laying criminal charges — under a plan that

could yield significant savings for the cash-strapped justice system.

Timothy Smith, a spokesman for the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, says the idea has emerged from discussions fostered by the federal government on curbing rising policing costs.

Under the proposal, officers would have the option of ticketing people for

offences such as causing a disturbance, public nudity, falsifying an employment record, soliciting prostitution, vagrancy or trespassing.

It builds on a resolution the Chiefs of Police passed last August that would give forces the discretion to issue a ticket under the Contraventions Act for possession of a small amount of cannabis.

Last January, the federal Public Safety minister hosted a summit on the economics of policing that included officers and chiefs from across the country, government officials and academics. Officials say the cost of policing is steadily rising — hitting more than \$12 billion in 2010 — even though the crime rate is falling.

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WikiLeaks documents: 13 federal departments had contracts with U.S. firm

At least 13 Canadian government agencies have had subscriptions with U.S. private intelligence firm Strategic Forecasting, Inc. or Stratfor, sometimes dubbed a shadow CIA, newly released WikiLeaks emails indicate.

Stratfor came under fire recently after a leaked company document prepared for an oil company outlined ways to counter activist groups, such as Greenpeace, who oppose Canada's oil-sands development.

The same cache of leaked emails indicates Canadian federal agencies have purchased at least half a million dollars in Stratfor services.

Emails from January 2009 and February 2011 show invoices of \$13,125 and \$13,725 for one-year Stratfor subscriptions for Foreign Affairs and International Trade, which were not publicly disclosed by the department.

Under proactive disclosure policy, Canadian government contracts worth more than \$10,000 must be posted on the web.

Foreign Affairs spokesperson Jean-Bruno Vileneuve says there was a clerical error in not reporting the contracts.

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Venezuela

Bomb threat grounds Air France flight

A Paris-bound flight was rescheduled for Sunday after Venezuela grounded an Air France plane that French intelligence authorities said terrorists might have been planning to blow up. Venezuela's intelligence agency declined to comment on the threat, saying it isn't authorized to discuss the case.

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Florida

Teen charged with kidnapping

A 17-year-old faces kidnapping and carjacking charges after authorities say he stole a car with a baby inside. Daytona Beach police said their detectives spotted two stolen vehicles driving together on Friday. One had recently been stolen from a car dealership. The car stopped at a gas station where three men jumped out and took off. The baby was not injured.

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Sheriff: Colorado school gunman threatened teacher in September

Arapahoe High School.

Teen shooter may have been nursing a grudge leading up to attack

Investigators believe the gunman who entered Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colorado, on Friday was looking for a teacher with whom he had a dispute.

Karl Pierson, 18, may have been nursing a grudge against the teacher — a librarian and head of the school debate team — since September. Pierson was on the team and had been disciplined by the librarian for reasons yet to be disclosed, County Sheriff Grayson Robinson said. He said Pierson had threatened the teacher in September.

Pierson fired six shots from a pump-action shotgun between the moment he



Sean Sweeney, a runner who lives near Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colo., pauses to say a prayer for the victims and the gunman of a shooting at the school during his early morning run on Saturday. DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

walked into Arapahoe High School and the moment he killed himself in a library as a school security officer closed in on him, Robinson said.

Arapahoe senior Claire Davis, 17, who was sitting with a friend when Pierson entered the library, was shot

in the head. She remained hospitalized in critical condition Sunday.

Robinson has said investigators think Davis was shot at random by Pierson.

Pierson legally bought a shotgun on Dec. 6 at a local store, and he purchased ammunition the morning

of the shootings. Anyone 18 and older is allowed to buy a shotgun in Colorado; only those over 21 can legally buy a handgun.

Pierson arrived at the school toting the shotgun and wearing the ammunition on his body. In a backpack he carried three Molo-

tov cocktails.

Pierson managed to ignite one Molotov cocktail inside the school library before he killed himself as a fast-acting school security officer, a deputy sheriff, closed in, Robinson said.

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper noted Sunday that Pierson was not a loner but cautioned that the investigation was in its early stages. "He didn't seem to have a mental illness," the governor said. "He had a lot of friends, he was outspoken. But again, there's no rhyme or reason. We can't — there's nothing that says, 'Ah, now I understand.'"

Pierson's attack lasted just 80 seconds but reopened scars in a community traumatized by mass shootings in nearby Denver suburbs — at Columbine High School in 1999 and an Aurora movie complex in 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Post-Columbine

Security procedures hailed by Gov.

Colorado's governor credited security procedures adopted after the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School for helping to put a quick end to Friday's shooting attack.

Gov. John Hickenlooper said that there are "strategies and protocols in place, where we had a deputy sheriff in the building who immediately ran towards the trouble."

Arapahoe High officials also instituted a lockdown, with teachers and students hiding in closets and locking doors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Mr. Roboto to do the jobs that humans currently do?

Robots built in labs are heading to Florida this week for a government-sponsored competition on doing humanlike tasks. The CMU Highly Intelligent Mobile Platform robot, a.k.a. CHIMP, practises by switching the hold of a fire hose from one grasping unit to another. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Do your homework

Naughty or nice? Find out before donating to charity

Want to give back, but wondering what charity is best?

MoneySense Magazine issues an annual list of the top 100 charities. This year, the magazine gave top grades to the Nature Conservancy Canada, the Canadian Red Cross, the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, the Royal Ontario Museum Foundation and the United Way, among others.

The Calgary Foundation,



Before dropping cash in a kettle, do some research. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the Edmonton Community Foundation and the Vancouver Foundation also made the grade for their program spending, fundraising costs, governance, transparency and cash reserves.

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Status symbol. The Toronto-based parka company is flying high, and aims to soar to new heights worldwide

The head of Canada Goose is setting his sights on India and other parts of Asia as he looks beyond cold weather for future growth in the jacket business.

Dani Reiss concedes that stocking shelves in warm climates might seem usual, but he says it makes sense for the company's high-end outerwear, which has become a fashion statement as well as a way to stay warm.

"Cold is relative. Tokyo is our best market in Asia and it never goes below zero," the chief executive said in an interview at the company's headquarters in midtown Toronto.



Dani Reiss, president and CEO of Canada Goose Inc., in his office. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Just like someone in Toronto buys a Range Rover, someone in Tokyo buys a Canada Goose jacket."

Canada Goose is at a turning point.

Take a glimpse of any city street this time of year and you'll likely see Canadians wrapped in the jackets em-

blazoned with the company's trademark badge on the sleeve and a fur-trimmed hood. Reiss wants to boost the company's reputation beyond Canada where it sometimes seems like the jackets couldn't get any more popular.

Last week, Canada Goose struck a deal with Bain Capital

Costly coats

\$1,200

Each jacket costs between \$500 and \$1,200, depending on the style, and while that qualifies as a prestige product, its popularity transcends other pricey brands.

that gives the U.S. private investment firm a majority stake in the brand and promises the kind of financial support that will help it push into new markets. Reiss will maintain what he calls a "significant minority position."

"They'll consider expanding the brand beyond just coats," said David Detomasi, assistant professor of international business at Queen's University.

Think Canada Goose watches, sports equipment or even down duvets that are marketed as the warmest bedding in the world.

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it can be profitably recycled.

A UN think-tank dedicated to the issue estimates that the amount of e-waste will rise from almost 53.9 million tons in 2012 to 72.09 million tons in 2017. That's nearly 200 times the weight of the Empire State Building.

The study, which excluded white goods because there are established recycling systems for those in the United States, found that mobile phones are the most common item of e-waste in the U.S.

About 120 million phones were discarded in 2010.

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Notice of Hearing for Permanent Guardianship Order To Corey Williams

Take notice that on the 20th day of December, 2013 at 9:30 a.m., at Calgary Family Court, Courtroom #1205, 601 – 5th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta, a hearing will take place.

A Director, under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act will make an application for: Permanent Guardianship Order of your child born on March 17, 2010. If you wish to speak to this matter in court, you MUST appear in court on this date. You do have the right to be represented by a lawyer. If you do not attend in person or by a lawyer, an Order may be made in your absence and the Judge may make a different Order than the one being applied for by the Director. You will be bound by any Order the Judge makes.

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Front Yards in Bloom: Winterscapes is one heck of a good idea.

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With Winterscapes, the idea is to use our abundance of ice and snow in the winter to decorate and light our front yards throughout the chilly months.

The one thing that we all know about living in Edmonton is that the tremendous amount of sunlight we have in summer is one benefit of living here and the lack of light in winter is one of our major challenges.

There isn't anything we can do to create more sunlight



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in winter, but we can certainly augment what little natural light we have with that of the artificial type.

People are drawn to light, particularly to light that is used in interesting and entertaining ways.

The number of people drawn to Candy Cane Lane proves that point.

With Winterscapes, we could create areas of interest all over the city. Walking or driving down city streets and looking at what people have done with their winter yards would certainly make our long winter nights more interesting and enjoyable. If the idea really took off, it could just turn into a reason for people to come and take a look at Edmonton in the winter months.

On another note, on a recent ramble through the downtown, I came across an advertisement that caused me to wonder if role models must be gender specific. In Edmon-

What it could be

If the idea really took off, it could just turn into a reason for people to come and take a look at Edmonton in the winter months.

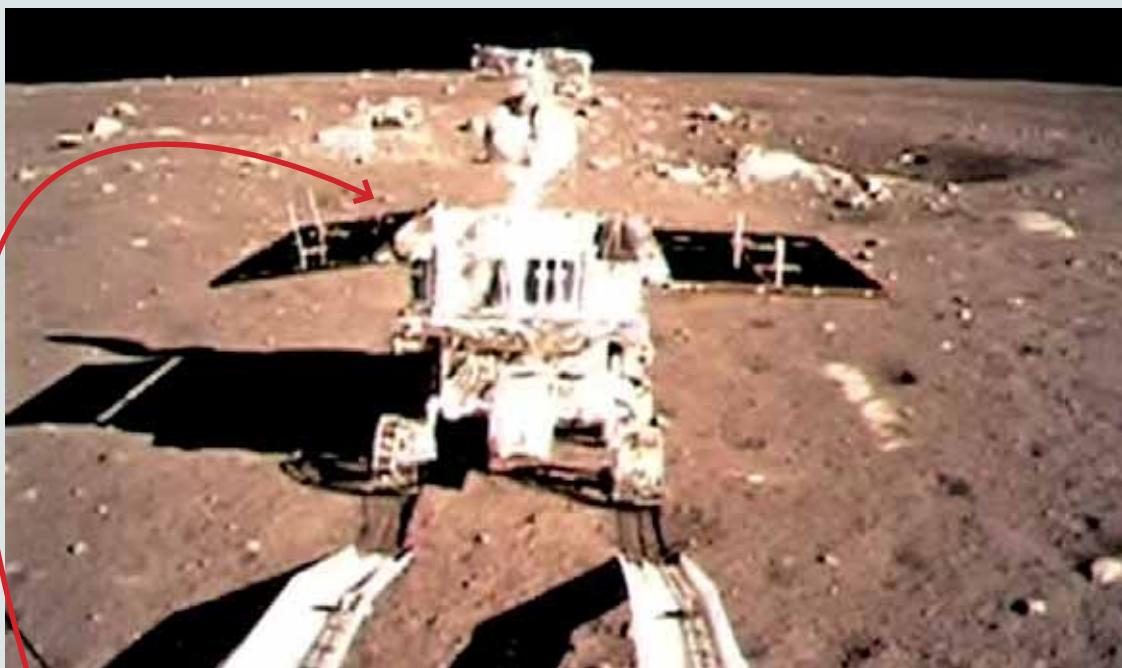
ton Centre I saw a Dove ad that talked about the need for young women to have positive role models. No argument there. Dove has done a good job in making that idea part of its marketing strategy.

However, I couldn't help but notice that though the people in the ad represented a cross-section of races, they were all women. Is it not possible for a woman to be a role model for a man and vice-versa? I would think so.

I would suspect that Nelson Mandela was a role model for both men and women. The same would be true for Mother Theresa. The ad made me think it was an idea worth pondering.

ZOOM

China makes its first moon landing



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Rover, lander snap pics of each other

In this image taken by the on-board camera of the lunar probe Chang'e-3 and made off the screen of the Beijing Aerospace Control Center in Beijing, China's first moon rover Jade Rabbit touches the lunar surface Sunday.

State broadcaster China

Central Television showed images taken from the lander's camera of the rover and its shadow moving down a sloping ladder and touching the surface, setting off applause in the Beijing control centre.

China has completed the world's first soft landing of a space probe on the moon in nearly four decades.

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The mission

- The six-wheeled rover will survey the moon's geological structure and surface and look for natural resources for three months, while the lander will carry out scientific explorations at the landing site for one year.
- The mission marks the

next stage in an ambitious space program that aims to eventually put a Chinese astronaut on the moon. China's space program is an enormous source of pride for the country, the third to carry out a lunar soft landing — which does not damage the craft and the equipment it carries.

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"We are looking for highly intelligent individuals. To find them, we have devised a test."

Thus began a simple message, written in white text against a black background, signed "3301" and uploaded to a 4chan message board in 2012, kicking off a cryptic Internet mystery known as Cicada 3301.

private and those who got close to the prize are left to wonder what they were participating in.

So what is it all about? Speculation has it that the NSA, CIA or some other government agency is using the teasers to recruit new operatives.

Or perhaps it's a private endeavour looking for cryptology candidates to staff their operations.

Whoever is behind it, only a very select few have been able to learn. And they've been remarkably tight-lipped once the puzzles go private.

The first Cicada puzzle emerged on Jan. 4, 2012. A second was released to the web on the same date in 2013.

Will there be a third iteration? That's just as big a mystery.

To learn more about Cicada 3301, check uncovering-cicada.wikia.com.

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Can you spot the real 12 Days of Christmas verse among these mondegreens? iSTOCK

And a palty tin-affair tree!

Say what? Do you really know what you're singing when it comes to Christmas carol lyrics?

Milk and spiders? Nine lazy Hansons? Sleep in heavenly peas?

It's that time of year: holiday music time. And with holiday music comes all the strange and twisted things we sometimes think we're hearing.

Mondegreens, the moniker for misheard words in song, aren't restricted to holiday standards, of course, but the old-

timey language of some seems to serve as a botched-lyric magnet.

Lest you think funny turns on song lyrics are the stuff of childhoods, Missy O'Reilly knows otherwise. She's an actress, comedian and co-owner of Planet Rose, a karaoke haven on Manhattan's Lower East Side. "I'm the biggest Christmas nerd, so I'm always encouraging people to sing Christmas music," she said. "Some people are really surprised when they see what the real words are."

Look no further than Snopes.com for handy examples submitted by readers of the website that collects and debunks urban legends, folklore, myths, rumours and mis-

What's in a word?

What's a mondegreen? According to Grant Barrett, co-host of the public radio show *A Way With Words*, the word mondegreen can be traced to Sylvia Wright and a column she wrote in Harper's Magazine in 1954 titled *The Death of Lady Mondegreen*. Wright discovered that for years she had botched

the last line of the first stanza of the Scottish folk ballad *The Bonnie Earl o'Moray*. How it goes, with spellings based on updates of antiquated English: "They have slain the Earl of Moray, and laid him on the green." What she heard: "They have slain the Earl of Moray, and Lady Mondegreen."

information. Noting that mondegreens aren't parody, but words we actually think we're listening to, Snopes keeps a list of holiday gems.

For The Twelve Days of Christmas, there's "ten law-

yers leaving" and "nine lazy Hansons." Later we've got "six geezers laying," along with "a palty tin-affair tree." Those are in lieu of lords a-leaping, ladies dancing, geese a-laying and the obligatory partridge in a pear

tree, FYI. If ever you've made it to the fourth verse of *Winter Wonderland*, you'll be relieved to know it doesn't include "Later on milk and spiders, as we dream by the fire," but rather: "Later on we'll conspire ..." And that snowman you may or may not build in the meadow? You should pretend he's "Parson Brown," not "sparse and brown," or "parched and brown." Just sayin'.

There are most definitely no "peas" in *Silent Night*, but "heavenly peace." In *Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town*, the big guy in red does this: "making a list, checkin' it twice." Not this: "making a list, of chicken and rice."

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'Tis the season for anti-holiday films

There aren't many actual festive movies out this holiday season; Christmas Day instead brings a movie about old guys boxing and one where greedy mega-capitalists do drugs and bang hookers for three hours. For the non-believers or even just Grinches among us, there's a fair amount of films that call into question the season.

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York



Brazil (1985)

There's a fairly immense cottage industry of films just incidentally set during the holidays. One would be Terry Gilliam's dystopian classic, where the awakening of one shy bureaucrat (Jonathan Pryce) is contrasted with the materialistic cheer of gift-giving in a futuristic England where the rich have gotten used to frequent terrorist bombings.



Die Hard (1988) Gremlins (1985)

There's also a cottage industry of action/horror/thrillers with immense Christmas trees in the background and dead people in Santa Claus costumes. Die Hard features Bruce Willis battling Alan Rickman and posse on Christmas Eve, while Gremlins unleashes homicidal pranksters around the holidays.



The Ref (1994)

Annual holiday staples rarely come better than this nasty little number, in which a profane crook (Denis Leary) kidnaps a couple (Judy Davis and Kevin Spacey) who just happen to be on the verge of a nasty divorce. Leary tries to intervene with his Bill Hick-knockoff shtick, but eventually even he can't compete with his captors' near-Ingrid Bergman-esque pain, only with far more cussing.



Eyes Wide Shut (1999)

Stanley Kubrick had Jack Nicholson unraveling over a long winter break in The Shining. Why not try it with Tom Cruise? After getting high with his wife (Nicole Kidman) results in her confessing that she's lusted for others, Cruise heads out into the night for a series of adventures, leading to a tony masked orgy outside of NYC limits.



A Christmas Tale (2008)

French filmmaker Arnaud Desplechin's (Kings and Queen) contribution to the holidays is an epic of dysfunction, only with a family who've gotten used to not getting along and have reached some kind of brittle compromise. Fists fly, everyone drinks too much and there's even some sex, but that's how this family rolls.



White Reindeer (2013)

Christmas fanatic Anna Margaret Hollyman comes home to find her husband lying on the ground, his head bludgeoned by robbers. She starts questioning the suburban persona she's crafted over the years, especially once she befriends the stripper her husband used to frequent. Happy holidays!

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Beyoncé's album surprises everyone

New album Beyoncé.

Announced and released on the same day, the star's latest offering generates so much chatter on Twitter it breaks record



Beyoncé . AP PHOTO

Beyoncé has released her new album in an unconventional way: She announced and dropped it on the same day.

The singer released Beyoncé exclusively on iTunes early Friday. She mirrors how Jay Z released Magna Carta Holy Grail earlier this year — through a deal with Samsung where he gave the album to 1 million users of Galaxy mobile phones days before its official release.

Beyoncé's fifth effort features 14 songs and 17 videos. Jay Z, Drake and Frank Ocean make guest appearances on the album, while the closing track, Blue, features her daughter,

Billboard said Friday that "Beyoncé" will likely debut on top of its charts next week.

"Our early numbers are showing that this is likely heading toward a No. 1 debut on the Billboard 200 albums chart with only three days of the tracking week," said Bill Werde, the editor of Billboard. Billboard closes the tracking week on Sundays, and typical albums are released on Monday or Tuesday. On Friday afternoon, the explicit and clean versions of "Beyoncé" ranked No. 1 and No. 2 on the iTunes albums chart. Along with Beyoncé and Jay Z, other leaders in pop music have released albums in new ways recently: For her Red album last year, Taylor Swift had partnerships with Target, Walgreens and Papa John's; and Lady Gaga sold 440,000 copies of her Born This Way album on Amazon for just 99 cents when it was on sale for two days in 2011, helping the album sell 1.1 million in its debut week. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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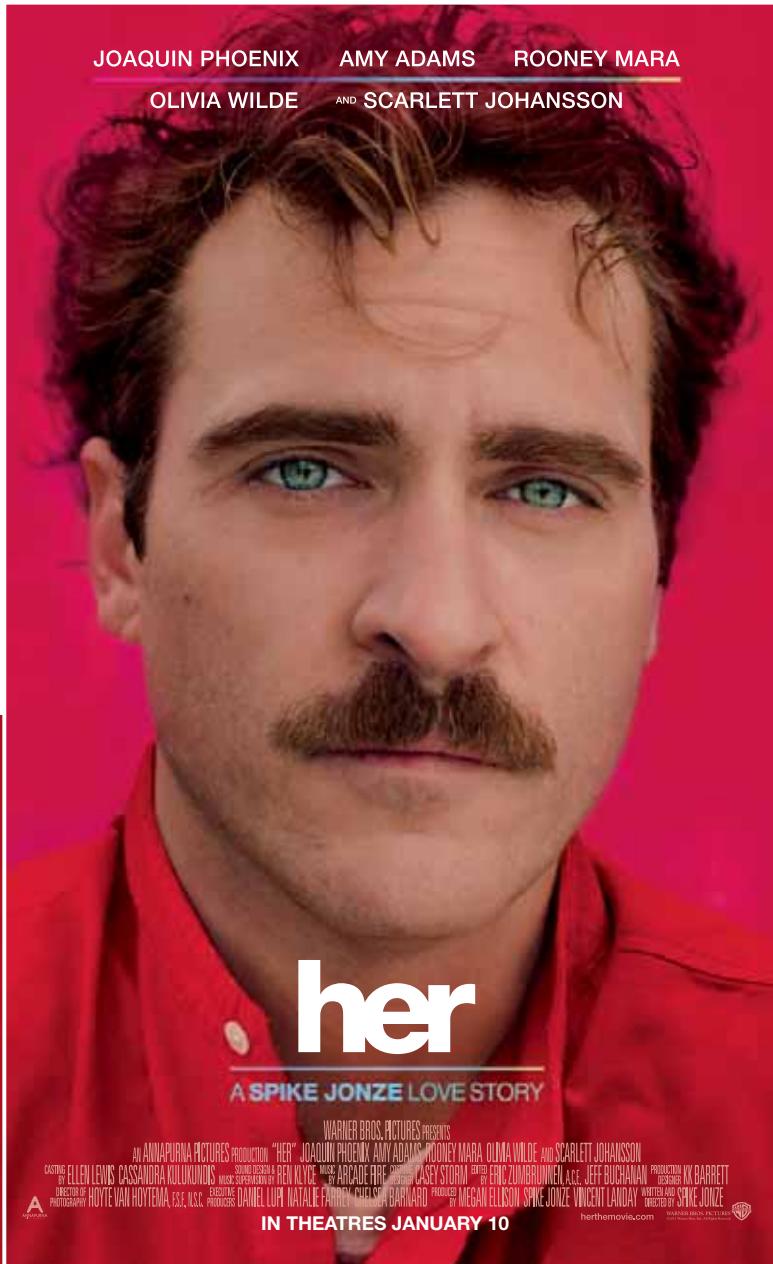
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Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lindsay Lohan getting back to her old ways

Allegedly ordering friends to beat up Barron Hilton appears to be just a small part of Lindsay Lohan's wild week in Miami for Art Basel, as the troubled post-rehab starlet reportedly "threw tantrums all week," according to Radar Online.

"Lindsay was a mess at every event at Art Basel," a source says.

So what had Lohan so in a state? Run-ins with the Miami-based ex-girlfriend of Morgan O'Connor, the 18-year-old model Lohan has been dating.

"Lindsay had a tantrum when she would see

Morgan's ex-girlfriend at events," a source explains. "She would throw her arms in the air, stomp her feet and fling her hair around. She was acting like she was 10 years old."

Those displays might have been the last straw for O'Connor, who has reportedly soured on the Mean Girls star.

"Morgan wants nothing to do with her at all," the source says. "He is telling people that he is nervous and freaking out that his career is going to be affected by all her crazy evilness. She's obsessed with him."

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Britney Spears wants to ruin yet another life

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At this year's Jingle Ball Miley Cyrus twerked with Santa Claus and Selena Gomez cursed and angrily walked off stage. Sadly, Justin Bieber and his No-pants Elf Dancers couldn't make it.

After all the bad reviews of her performance in The Sound of Music Live!, Carrie Underwood tweeted, "Plain and simple: Mean people need Jesus...." Said Jesus, "Well sure, but you must remember, Carrie, that critique does not equal meanness. Also, that rust-coloured dress sure didn't do you any favours."

MTV names Miley Cyrus Artist of the Year. We're so very, very sorry, Franz von Schneidernick. You will just have to continue making your impressionist straw tableaux in obscurity.



Jack White.

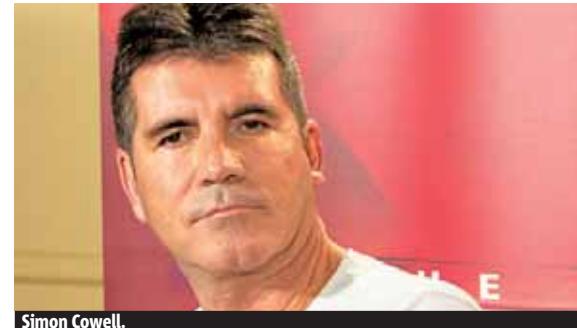
Jack White finalizes divorce

Jack White's divorce from Karen Elson has officially been finalized more than two years after the couple first separated, according to Rolling Stone.

Elson, who married White in 2005, was granted primary custody of their two children, daughter Scarlett and son Henry.

Over the summer, she had obtained a temporary restraining order against White based on claims that he had been harassing her about their divorce settlement.

In that filing, Elson had claimed that she "fears for her and the children's safety as a result of this harassment."



Simon Cowell.

Simon Cowell has big plans for his kid

Simon Cowell is a pretty good judge of talent, so he's already prepared should the son he's expecting with Lauren Silverman decide he wants to be a singer.

"As long as he signs a lifelong recording contract with me, I'd be happy with that," the X Factor boss tells

E! News about the impending birth.

Cowell also confirms that he and Silverman have picked out a name for the boy, but that's as far he'll go for now.

"I'm not going to say what it is yet, but I'm happy," Cowell says.

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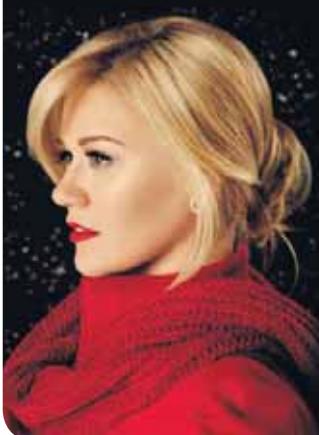
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Travel Tidbit

Ain't it grand?



IT'S ALL RELATIVE
Kathy Buckworth
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Entertaining the kids in the car, plane or train on the way to grandma's house is a challenge. But parents are often

left scrambling to find something for the kids to do once there. You don't want to drag along the whole toy room, but find some space to pack items to keep the kids busy.

Building blocks, like Lego, are terrific as the kids can continually create new things. Buy the bucket of blocks versus the kits. The kits tend to have an "all finished"



sense once completed, whereas the "free building" can go on forever.

Stop by the dollar store and pick up basic arts and crafts supplies. Non-permanent markers and construction paper are great for making decorations.

A deck of cards and a popular board game can fill hours of time.

Download movies or TV shows that the kids love on your own laptop or tablet, if you're unsure what TV channels or internet access the grandparents have. Rogers' new Kids Zone portal has many pre-selected loved shows from channels you trust. You can set up a playlist so you know exactly what they're watching. Grand times. **KATHY BUCKWORTH IS THE AUTHOR OF I AM SO THE BOSS OF YOU.**

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Cookies, gifts and...meditation?

Q&A. The big man in red is exceptionally busy around this time of year, what with toy-making and list-checking — but he did find a few minutes to chat with us

Greetings, Santa! We're so grateful to speak with you, considering how hectic your schedule must be right now. It's the most wonderful time of the year! And it is busy, but it is always a delight to talk to you.

How do you manage your time?

That's one of the most difficult things about the job — that it does take a lot of time and energy, focus, concentration, meditation and prayers.

Santa meditates?

Of course — everyone should have meditation. It's the moments of thinking of nothing that so many wonderful joyous things come. It's kind of a gift that I give to myself as Santa, that I'm able to take a moment and turn the lights down and light my magical candle and think.



Santa says oatmeal raisin cookies are great but he'll skip the eggnog. iSTOCK

We bet Mrs. Claus loves to see you in a relaxed state.

Even at this time of year, Mrs. Claus and the elves are extremely busy. They're keeping up with me, being sure that I have my food, my time, and keeping the list on who's naughty and nice...

Say, what kinds of cookies should we leave out for you

on Christmas Eve?

I'm trying to lean toward oatmeal and raisin — it's a little healthier for me. I'm trying to watch my weight. Otherwise, how could I ever get down all those chimneys? And I would suggest carrots for the reindeer, although they are leaning heavily toward candy corn. [And] skim milk all the way! (Laughs)

Should we leave you some eggnog too?

I'll be driving so I'll have to pass.

You've likely got lots of people to visit. How many letters do you think you'll receive this year?

Millions. I'm already getting letters from children who tell me what they want. And

some of the most wonderful letters include the whole family — my brother wants this, my mom, my dad [want this]. Even if you're on the naughty list, you have a little bit of time left.

So how can someone on the naughty list end up on the nice list?

By being nice. If you're a child, by being respectful and obedient. If you're an adult, by helping someone, by being nice. It's very important.

We want to know how you spend your time when you're not working. For example, how do you spend your summers?

I enjoy fishing. We have some wonderful fishing up in the North Pole toward southern Alaska.

And what do you do the day after Christmas?

I'll go back to the North Pole, collect the elves and the reindeer and we'll settle down for a nice, long winter's nap. [Then we start working again] as soon as I wake up. When you love what you do, you never have to worry about working because it's a joy. We start to think about the toys for next year.

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The rubber-band gang

Cooper Volkman is eight years old, full of energy and tends to be perpetually in motion.

Lately, though, it's been different. In the evenings, when his mom, Lori, makes dinner, Cooper is absorbed by a new hobby: making bracelets and other objects out of tiny, colourful rubber bands.

The current craze for kids — Rainbow Loom bands and their many knockoffs — has been surprising parents and child development experts. In a market glutted with crafts marketed to

girls, loom bands are the rare gender-neutral hobby that appeals to boys, too.

Open to Everyone

Tricia Ross' son avoids playing with his sisters' toys. But he and many male classmates in Charlottesville, Va., have seized on loom bands.

"There's a sense of accomplishment" that comes with finishing a bracelet, Ross says, and it's enough to inspire her son to "sit until it's complete." Ross and Volkman find that

while many craft products are packaged in pink boxes emblazoned with pictures of smiling girls, the gender-neutral packaging of loom band products make them more boy-friendly.

Good For Development

Loom bands are popular among kids age seven to 12, a key time for developing.

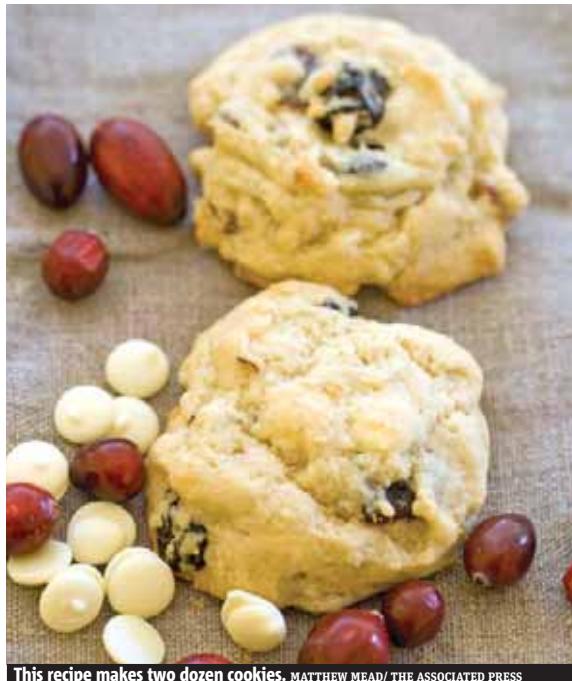
"Right around age seven, you see fine motor skills taking off," says Cynthia Edwards, professor of psychology at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C. "Anything that helps them to use those hands together, left and right, helps to develop those areas of the brain and the muscles themselves."

Kids in this age group are also developing "executive function," the ability to plan and execute tasks, Edwards says. With loom band weaving, kids must choose what to create (it's gone beyond bracelets to everything from backpack fobs to action figures), pick a colour scheme and style of weaving, gather materials and then do the weaving steps in the right order. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Cooper Volkman wears loom band bracelets. LORI L. VOLKMAN / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cherry-White Chocolate Drop Cookies: Beat the baking guilt



This recipe makes two dozen cookies. MATTHEW MEAD / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dessert. Chocolate Orange-Lace Cookies



1. Heat oven to 350 F. Line 2 baking sheets with kitchen parchment.

2. In bowl, use electric mixer to beat butter and sugar until

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp unsalted butter, softened
- 1/4 cup plus 3 tbsp sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tbsp freshly grated orange zest (about 1 orange)
- 1 1/4 cups rolled oats
- 1 tsp double-acting baking powder
- 1/8 tsp table salt
- 1/2 cup bittersweet chocolate chips

the mixture is light and fluffy, 3 minutes. Add egg, vanilla and orange zest, then beat until light and fluffy, about another 4 minutes. In another bowl, mix oats, baking powder and salt. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and beat just until combined. Stir in the chocolate chips by hand.

3. Scoop dough 1 tablespoon at a time onto prepared baking sheets, arranging about 2 inches apart and about 12 per baking sheet. Use back of spoon to lightly press down on each mound to slightly flatten it. Bake cookies, one sheet at a time, on oven's centre rack until edges brown, 8 minutes.

4. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At this time of year, we are constantly reminded that happy families are supposed to have special bonding moments while baking luscious holiday treats. If we really loved our children, we'd be delighted by the mess they make while dumping flour on the floor and spilling raw eggs down the side of the stove.

And so begins the guilt. Not only are we supposed to be baking, we're also supposed to be enjoying it.

To attempt to assuage the guilt, try these one-bowl cookies.

1. Heat the oven to 375 F. Line 2 baking sheets with kitchen parchment.

2. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the butter and both sugars until fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the egg, almond extract and milk, then mix well. Add the flour and baking soda, then mix just until the dry ingredients are well mixed

Ingredients

- 2 sticks (1 cup) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 1/4 cup milk
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 cup dried cherries
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup white chocolate chips

in. Mix in the cherries, cranberries and chocolate chips.

3. Drop the dough in 2-tablespoon mounds on the prepared baking sheets, leaving 2 inches between them. Bake, in batches if necessary, for 12 to 14 minutes, or until just lightly browned at the edges and still slightly soft at the centre. Leave on the baking sheet for 2 minutes, then use a spatula to transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A very Christmas cheesecake



This recipe serves 16. MATTHEW MEAD / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

medium-low to beat cream cheese until smooth. Take care to not beat in any extra air, but to scrape down bowl thoroughly to avoid lumps. Add granulated sugar and beat again, scraping the bowl thoroughly. Add the eggs one at a time, again incorporating gently, but thoroughly scraping the bowl.

4. Scrape in the seeds from the vanilla bean or add the vanilla extract. Stir in the bittersweet chocolate. Pour the batter into the prepared pan over the crust. Tap the pan gently on the oven and refrigerate until completely cold, at least 4 hours.

5. When ready to unmould the cheesecake, run a paring knife around the edge. Dip just the

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bottom of the pan in hot water for 1 minute to loosen the crust. Place a large plate over the top of the pan, then flip the pan over so that the cheesecake is upside down. The cake should release onto the plate. Remove the parchment from the crust and place a serving platter over it. Flip the cake a second time to end with the cheesecake right side up.

7. Microwave the red currant jelly for 1 minute and stir until smooth. Spread evenly over the top of the cheesecake. Garnish the edges with chopped pistachios. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Round the world wisdom

The straightest path may not be the fastest

The severe market crash in October 2008 changed my life. I started running to regain my health, both emotional and physical. Shortly after I took my first steps, I ran the Gobi March in China in June '09, followed by the Atacama Crossing in Chile in '10 and the Sahara Race in Egypt in '11. In this post, I share a lesson about life, learned from the desert.



LESSONS FROM THE DESERT
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The simplest path between two points is a straight



line. While mathematically true, in life this is rarely the case. Up and downs, twists and turns, that's the norm we all know. In desert running, where you'd think the shortest path would be the one most advantageous, often times it isn't. In running, as in life, while one path may seem harder, longer or more difficult, it may be the one that pays the most rewards.

When facing the Sahara Desert I was advised to carefully pick my running lines and avoid simply darting ahead. The desert course we ran had signal flags roughly every 100m, so that racers knew the specific direction to be followed. Unlike the rocky desert terrain of the Gobi or the Atacama deserts where

I had excelled, the Sahara's sand was soft and its dunes windswept daily.

Now, instead of running the shortest distance, I would now be scanning to calculate my path of least resistance: Which side of the sand dune was wind packed? Which side was sun-baked with firm, vein-like grooves? Where might there be rock sediments I could run on with a hardened surface? I ran a longer route and was a degree off course for most of the race, but it paved a swift arrival to the finish line.

Have you looked at all the alternative paths to overcome your challenges?

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Should we bring teaching to the electronic tablet?



Will iPads be the next school desk staple? iSTOCK

School on a screen.

One in three kids using iPads in class admit to playing games: Canadian study

A third of Quebec students surveyed about using iPads in class admitted to playing games during school hours and an astounding 99 per cent said they found the gadgets distracting, suggests a new study based on the experiences of more than 6,000 tablet-toting kids.

But even though just a few students said they felt a tablet helped them learn better, the report's co-authors still concluded that schools should invest in the technology, although cautiously.

Researchers surveyed 6,057 students, who were enrolled in Grades 6 through 10, and 302 teachers about their experiences so far in using tablets daily in the classroom.

The report concludes that outfitting large numbers of students with costly tablets is a worthwhile endeavour, provided that teachers are well prepared and trained for the radical shift in delivering their lesson plans.

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- When teachers were asked about the benefits of using iPads in class, about half said it opened up better access to information, 40 per cent cited the easy portability of the devices, and about a third said it allowed for greater collaboration.

All the students were on Facebook, Twitter and the teachers were like, 'Oh my God, this is not working,' and blaming the technology because he or she was not ready," said Karsenti, the Canada research chair for information and communication technologies in education.

"You have teachers who are fully unaware of what's going on in the classroom, they're sitting reading their notes and the students are doing whatever they want."

The report notes that a "surprising" number of students — more than one in three — admitted to playing games in class, sometimes with their teachers' permission after an assignment or task was completed.

Researchers were also surprised that, in some ways, the tablet technology wasn't been used to its full potential. Students said they did relatively little reading on their tablets and were still using paper textbooks, while many assignments were still be submitted on paper rather than electronically.

About 85 per cent of the students said they never or rarely used the iPad to prepare written work.

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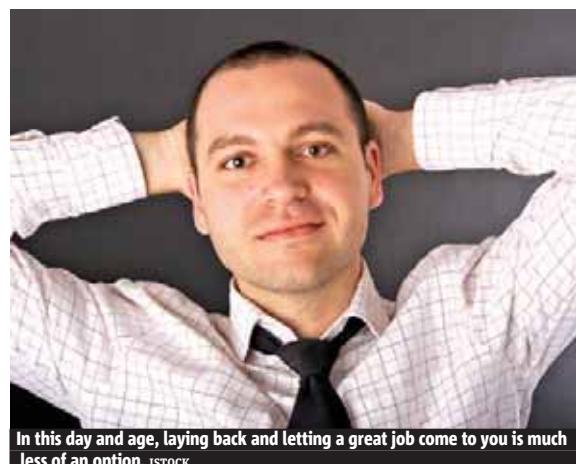
Would you leave your working wishes behind for a higher wage?

I want money, that's what I want. Post-secondary students are increasingly trading in dreams for paychecks

JULIA WEST
Metro World News

Satisfaction in the pocketbook is trumping personal fulfillment for incoming college freshmen, according to a new study.

ACT, the nonprofit testing company that helps students prepare for college, released a report last month regarding how today's students choose a major. It found that close to a third of incoming freshmen are enrolling not in a field that interests them, but rather one that will help them land steady, well-paying jobs after gradu-



In this day and age, laying back and letting a great job come to you is much less of an option. iSTOCK

tion.

It sounds like a practical — though less than exciting — college plan, but that doesn't mean it's a wise move.

This isn't the first time this trend has surfaced. "It's inter-

esting that this phenomenon is happening again," says organizational psychologist Dr. Billie Blair. "It was a prevalent practice 20 to 30 years ago when so many were encouraged to go into medicine because of the

Making ends meet

"No doubt about it, in today's economic environment students need to be practical in selecting majors."

Carol A. Sittery
Dean for academic success at American International College

excellent pay."

A steady paycheck is a wonderful thing, especially right out of college. It's important for freshmen to remember, too, that their sanity and happiness also come into play when choosing a major.

"No doubt about it, in today's economic environment students need to be practical in selecting majors," states Carol A. Sittery, dean for academic success at American International College.

"But they also need to select

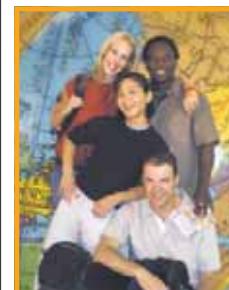
majors and career fields that they can feel passionate about over the next 40 years of their working life."

Keeping that passion alive and active isn't always easy when graduates are struggling to find work. Like so many things in life, being able to strike the right balance can make all the difference.

"The critical question is whether [students] can find a space in that world that they are good at and that they can

get excited about even as they chase a paycheck," says Rita McGrath, associate professor at Columbia Business School.

McGrath reminds us that no matter how much time a student puts into the decision-making process, things can change while at school. "Very few students find that their careers unfold as they predicted, so the choice of major is probably a much smaller determinant of ultimate outcomes than we might assume," she says.



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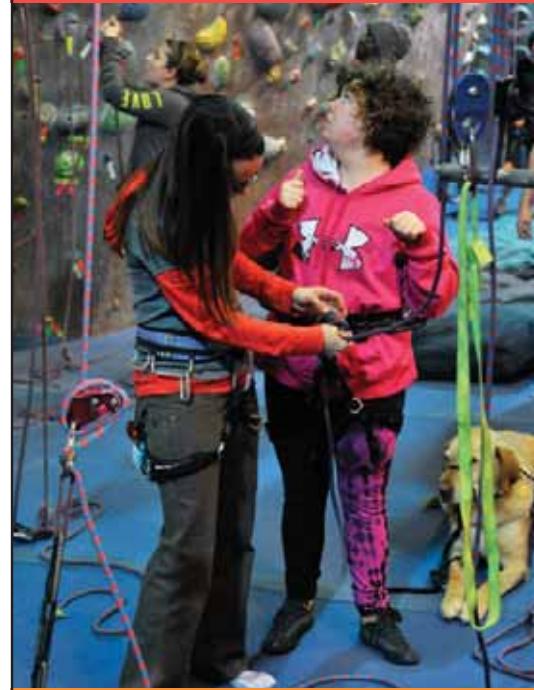
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The Ducks' Dustin Penner checks Sam Gagner of the Oilers off the puck on Sunday in Anaheim. The Ducks defeated the Oilers 3-2. JEFF GROSS/GETTY IMAGES

Penner causes Oil spill with late goal

NHL. Power forward scores game-winner to beat his former team

Dustin Penner scored the tie-breaking goal with 3:17 to play, Ryan Getzlaf extended his points streak to 14 games, and the Anaheim Ducks beat the Edmonton Oilers 3-2 on Sunday night for their fifth straight victory.

Corey Perry's seven-game

On Sunday

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goal streak ended, but his linemates connected for the deciding score in the Pacific Division-leading Ducks' 15th win in their last 17 meetings

with last-place Edmonton.

Teemu Selanne ended his 19-game goal drought in the second period, and Jonas Hiller made 23 saves to help the Ducks improve to 13-0-2 at Honda Center.

Sam Gagner scored the tying goal with 9:34 to play for the Oilers, who have lost three straight. Ryan Nugent-Hopkins also scored, and Ilya Bryzgalov stopped 31 shots.

Nick Bonino also scored as the Ducks shook off early rust in their return from three

days off to complete a three-game homestand. Anaheim is the only NHL team without a regulation loss at home, extending the second-longest such streak to open a season in the shootout era.

Penner beat Bryzgalov with a wrist shot from the circle after a setup from Getzlaf, who has recorded a point in each of his last 16 games. The Anaheim captain's streak only counts as 14 games because of an injury absence.

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NHL

Jets rookie banned 3 games for hit

Winnipeg forward Anthony Peluso was suspended for three games for boarding Stars defenceman Alex Goligoski in the Jets' 6-4 loss to Dallas on Saturday night.

Peluso drove his shoulder into Goligoski's back at the 15:28 mark of the second period after the Stars defenceman passed the puck up the ice and out of Dallas's end. Goligoski went face first into the boards, cutting his face.

Peluso was assessed a major penalty for boarding and a game misconduct on the play. Goligoski required 12 stitches after the hit, but returned to the ice later in the game.

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World Cup

Work on soccer stadium halted

A labour court on Sunday halted construction in part of the World Cup stadium where a man fell 35 metres to his death while working on a roofing structure in the jungle city of Manaus, further delaying the venue that will host England vs. Italy and three other matches next June.

The decision was announced after public prosecutors requested the immediate interruption of work in all areas where labourers need to be high above the ground. Work will only restart after contractors show that all safety measures are in place at the Arena Amazonia, which will also host United States vs. Portugal.

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Questions follow Canada's junior team



Canada forward Kerby Rychel deflects a shot onto CIS Toronto Selects goalie Garrett Sheehan during exhibition action in Toronto on Saturday.

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

An eager group of 25 players broke camp Sunday and got ready to head overseas for final preparations for the world junior hockey championship.

But only 22 will still be there when the tournament opens Dec. 26 in Malmö, Sweden.

Coach Brent Sutter said the final cuts — one defenceman and two forwards — will be decided on many factors, including injuries.

"They're not easy decisions, but the reality is we've got a

couple or three guys banged up and we're not exactly sure," said Sutter. "Hopefully they can skate when we get over there."

"Whether they'll be ready for the first exhibition game, we're not sure. All these guys deserve to be able to push to get on the team and they're going to have a few more days to do so."

The team will play three pre-tournament games — Friday against Finland, Sunday against Sweden and the following day against Switzerland.

Sutter hopes to make the cuts after the first exhibition game so he can use the full squad for the last two.

The key question is high-scoring winger Jonathan Drouin, who is recovering from a concussion but who expects to resume skating when the team arrives in Sweden on Monday.

Another is rushing defenceman Josh Morrissey, who has been nagged by an undisclosed injury for a month but who expects to be able to practise this week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dolphins not finished yet

NFL. After thwarting another Pats comeback with third straight win, Miami sits in AFC's final playoff position

Desperate to stop Tom Brady's latest comeback bid, the Miami Dolphins sought help from a reserve safety making his NFL debut after being signed Tuesday off the San Francisco 49ers' practice squad.

Michael Thomas came through, intercepting Brady's fourth-down pass in the end zone with two seconds left Sunday to seal a see-saw 24-20 victory over the New England Patriots.

Thomas celebrated by flopping to his back and was swarmed by his new teammates.

Cincinnati's miscues

Steelers cruise to win over Bengals

Antonio Brown caught a touchdown pass and returned a punt for a score in a 64-second span in the first quarter and the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Bengals 30-20 on Sunday night.

Shaun Suisham added three field goals for the Steelers (6-8), who built a 24-point lead and hardly looked like a team playing out the string. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Patriots quarterback Tom Brady throws under pressure from Derrick Shelby on Sunday in Miami.
GETTY IMAGES

"I didn't know what his first name was," defensive tackle Jared Odrick said. "That's being thrown in the

fire and reacting. That's a pure athlete."

The Dolphins (8-6) won their third game in a row to help their AFC wild-card chances. They also snapped a streak of seven consecutive losses to the Patriots (10-4), who missed a chance to clinch their fifth consecutive AFC East title.

Miami's breakthrough win left even stoic second-year coach Joe Philbin in a mood to celebrate.

"I might jump in my pool," he said. "I've been in it once since I've been here."

Brady threw for 364 yards, but was frustrated by a succession of squandered scoring chances. His counterpart Ryan Tannehill shook off four sacks to throw for 312 yards and three touchdowns, including a 14-yarder to Marcus Thigpen with 1:15 left that provided the winning margin.

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Breakthrough rally

Flynn leads Packers to major comeback

Matt Flynn and the Green Bay Packers matched the biggest comeback in franchise history.

Flynn threw four touchdown passes in the second half, and the Packers rallied from 23 points down at halftime to beat the Dallas Cowboys 37-36 Sunday.

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Sports Illustrated

Peyton Manning named Sportsman of the Year

Peyton Manning is Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year.

Manning has led Denver to an 11-3 record this year, his second with the Broncos after missing the 2011 season with an injury. He has thrown 47 touchdown passes, three shy of Tom Brady's NFL season record.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	33	22	9	2	92	70	46
Montreal	35	20	12	3	88	75	43
Tampa Bay	33	19	11	3	90	80	41
Detroit	35	15	11	9	89	94	39
Toronto	34	17	14	3	97	99	37
Ottawa	34	13	15	6	96	111	32
Florida	34	12	17	5	78	109	29
Buffalo	33	7	23	3	55	96	17

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	34	23	10	1	105	74	47
Washington	33	18	12	3	105	97	39
Carolina	34	14	13	7	79	94	35
N.Y. Rangers	34	16	17	1	76	91	33
Columbus	33	14	15	4	85	92	32
Philadelphia	34	14	15	4	76	91	32
New Jersey	34	13	15	6	78	85	32
N.Y. Islanders	34	9	19	6	83	118	24

Sunday's results

Anaheim	3	Edmonton	2
Chicago	3	Los Angeles	1
Florida	2	Montreal	1
N.Y. Rangers	4	Calgary	3 (SO)
Tampa Bay	3	Detroit	0
Washington	5	Philadelphia	4 (SO)

Saturday's results

Calgary	2	Buffalo	1 (OT)
Carolina	3	Phoenix	1
Dallas	6	Winnipeg	4
Los Angeles	5	Ottawa	2
Minnesota	2	Colorado	1 (SO)
Montreal	1	N.Y. Islanders	0 (OT)
Nashville	3	San Jose	2
New Jersey	3	Tampa Bay	0
Pittsburgh	4	Detroit	1
St. Louis	4	Columbus	3 (OT)

Not including last night's games

Sunday's results

Arianna	37	Tennessee	34 (OT)
Atlanta	27	Washington	26
Buffalo	27	Jacksonville	20
Carolina	30	N.Y. Jets	20
Chicago	38	Cleveland	31
Green Bay	37	Dallas	36
Indianapolis	25	Houston	3

Monday's games — All Times Eastern

Kansas City	56	Oakland	31
Miami	24	New England	20
Minnesota	48	Philadelphia	30
Pittsburgh	30	Cincinnati	20
San Francisco	33	Tampa Bay	14
Seattle	23	N.Y. Giants	0
St. Louis	27	New Orleans	16

Monday's game — All Times Eastern

Tuesday's games

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern

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Horoscopes**Aries****March 21 - April 20**

Family and financial problems can easily be resolved over the next seven days, but you must not keep putting them off.

Taurus**April 21 - May 21**

Speak up if you have something important to say but make sure you listen too because the feedback you get could be invaluable.

Gemini**May 22 - June 21**

You may have to bluff your way through the sort of situation you would usually cope with quite easily today.

Cancer**June 22 - July 23**

As some of your views are a bit controversial there could be some interesting skirmishes today. But don't make a scene if someone who disagrees with you challenges your grasp of the facts.

Leo**July 24 - Aug. 23**

Others may be having second thoughts about what you are doing but you have no such doubts. Even if you do make a mistake or two along the way your momentum and sense of purpose will keep you moving towards your goal.

Virgo**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

Your confidence is sky-high at the moment and because of that you are ready to risk almost anything to prove you are the best. Before the day is over even your critics will be singing your praises and willing you to succeed.

Libra**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

You will get your way on the work front easily enough today but you may upset a few people along the way. That won't worry you in the slightest.

Scorpio**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

You will be rather outspoken today, which is not unusual, but make sure your criticisms are justified or you could make enemies of people who should be your friends.

Sagittarius**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

Mercury combined with your ruler Jupiter warns that what others tell you and what they believe may be two completely different things.

Capricorn**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

You don't lack for ideas at the moment but you seem strangely reluctant to let the world know about them. Maybe that's not such a bad thing.

Aquarius**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

The answers you seek are not that hard to find but you will surely find them quicker today if you get some assistance. And don't make things too complicated for yourself.

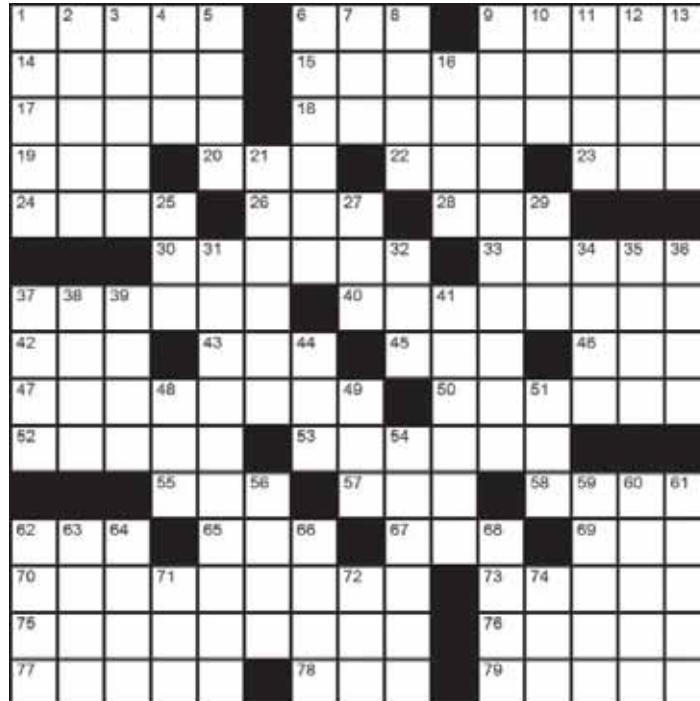
Pisces**Feb. 20 - March 20**

You must check facts and figures carefully today as Mercury linked to retrograde Jupiter warns that either someone is trying to deceive you or you will in some way deceive yourself.

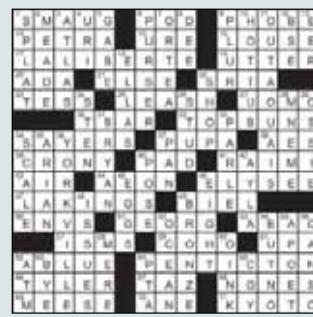
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Crossword: Canada Across and Down**Across**

- Anna Paquin movie, "The ___" (1993)
- Ms. Gardner
- Impudent
- Christmas Tree topper
- Anti-aging cream targets: 2 wds.
- NWT: ___ Heritage Trail
- Canada Dry ___
- Farm animal
- Sports fig.
- "___ Married an Axe Murderer" (1993)
- Lil' water channel
- Sun., on Mon.
- Mr. Kilmer
- Mil. rank
- Festive beverage
- Wuthering Heights growth
- Chachi's surname
- Author who co-founded the Writers' Trust of Canada in 1976, Margaret ___ (b.1926 - d.1987)
- "Yahoo!"
- Ms. Thurman
- Lil' pressure unit
- Ceiling
- Fun street in downtown Montreal
- Pre-Christmas time
- Mr. Spock's father
- Formal order
- Clairvoyance, e.g.
- Total
- Yielded
- Law & Order:

**Down**

- Rum ___ Tugger (Cats character)
- Home reno network
- Farm call
- Popular posting-up stuff website
- Do computer cleaning
- MERCHANTS
- On ___ (Doing)
- well)
- statement
- Stewpot
- Blanket type
- Ancient 7
- Jillian's
- Wintertime fun:
- 2 wds.
- "___ Bud" (1997)
- Actress Ms. Merkel's
- Boston basket-ball player, briefly
- River of Flanders
- "___ & Icons" (Vintage show from MuchMusic)
- "Let's Make a Deal" = ___ show
- Racecar driver Mr. Fabi
- Miley Cyrus movie

Friday's Crossword**Sudoku**

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Friday's Sudoku

1	6	5	7	4	2	3	8	9
4	2	3	9	5	8	1	6	7
9	7	8	3	1	6	2	5	4
7	3	8	5	2	1	8	4	6
6	1	4	8	9	3	7	2	5
8	5	2	6	7	4	9	1	3
3	4	7	2	8	5	6	9	1
5	8	6	1	3	9	4	7	2
2	9	1	4	6	7	5	3	8

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	8			1

Weather

TODAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

MAX: -1°
MIN: -2°MAX: -2°
MIN: -5°MAX: -13°
MIN: -25°MICHELE MCDOUGALL
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